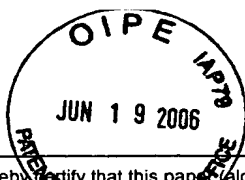


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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2006, setting forth a Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

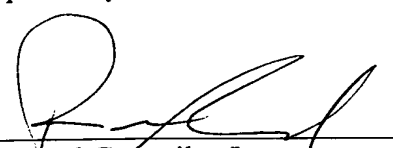
In response, Applicant hereby elects the invention shown in FIG. 1.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's contention and argues that at least claims 1, 5, 8 and 11 are generic to all the species shown in the figures. Applicant further asserts that at least claims 1-5, 8-17, 20-29 and 33-42 are readable on FIG. 1 of the present application.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: June 16, 2006

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